

Hundreds of walkers step out to

Walkers clocked up the miles and the pennies for their favourite charities in the historic boundary walk



WALK ON BY: Happy ramblers at the start of the route. Ref:97284-31

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HUNDREDS of people put their best foot forward on Sunday to take part in Maidenhead's historic Boundary Walk.

The early morning chill failed to deter more than 300 walkers as they set off from Boulter's Lock on the 14-mile route around the perimeter of the old Maidenhead borough.

The event is run by the Rotary Club of Maidenhead and sees participants of all ages, who can choose to do the full 14

miles or get a lift back from checkpoints along the route.

Rotarian Howard McBrien, head of the organising committee for the walk, said it had been another successful event and was once again fortunate with the weather.

"We get a wide age range taking part and it gives them all a chance to walk around the old boundaries, with some breathtaking scenery, and to raise money for their chosen charities," he said.

On Sunday the youngest walker was aged

three and the oldest 80.

In the last 25 years of the event the Rotary Club estimates that more than 10,000 walkers have raised more than £500,000.

This year the event raise about £10,000 for a variety of charities.

One walker, motor mechanic Hardev Singh Panesar, had taken part in every event since 1983 – apart from last year's because he was out of the country.

"I like to keep active and it's good to raise money for worthy causes," he said. "I think I have raised

up to £20,000 for the Thames Valley Adventure Playground and I've been walking for them for the last seven or eight years."

Maidenhead MP Theresa May and Mayor Leo Walters were also at the walk. Mrs May said: "It's an excellent event and I'm very pleased that it's happening with so many people out to enjoy it."

The Mayor told the Advertiser: "It's an extremely well attended event and as well as doing a lot of good for charity, it's excellent exercise and very good for you."



LEADING THE WAY: A pet dog heads the walking pack. Ref:97284-21



WALK THIS WAY: A group merrily amble along the river at Boulter's Lock. Ref:97284-25



DOGGED DETERMINATION: The ramblers keep on going. Ref:97284-28



BOUNDARY VETERAN: Hardev Singh Panesar has been going on the walk since 1983 and has raised thousands of pounds in the process. Ref:97284-5



BEST FOOT FORWARD: Two walkers get into the swing of things. Ref:97284-11

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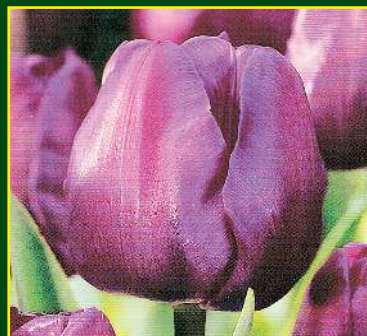
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AT THE OFF: Dozens had already gathered at Boulter's Lock car park at 9am to take on the 14 mile walk. Ref:97284-38



IT TAKES TWO: Advertiser reporter Gareth McPherson plods along with mayor Leo Walters. Ref:97284-7



TAKING A BREAK: Maidenhead MP Theresa May stops for a chat with a fellow Boundary walker. Ref:97284-36



ALL TOGETHER NOW: A group of youngsters plough on. Ref:97284-9



ON A LEASH: All ages took part in the 14 mile walk around Maidenhead. Ref:97284-23

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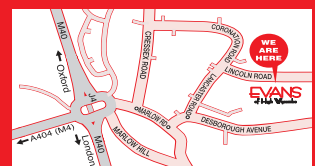
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